Strength or Weakness-Some Hands

Some years ago when the whist craze was at its height the subject of conventimes for that game was pretty well ven-West League were finally called upon to \$10 " : 5 alated and the officers of the American put some curb on what were then classed as "private conventions," or understand- AK J ings between partners which could not be inferred or understood by their advorsaries.
The outcome was that persons using

these private conventions were obliged to state them to their edversaries before play began, and as some of these affaire covered two or three pages of typewriting the natural consequence was that the adversaries, who were usually thinking about some private signals of their own paid little or no attention to the explanations, and finally it became the custom at all the big tournaments, even for the championships, to head off any explanations by saying: "Go ahead and play what you like. We don't care what

en bridge came in it was hailed as a relief from the endless private convention

always answered with. "Weak and weak."

One would occasionally find the two systems mixed and the answer would he "Heart and weak" or "Weak and strong," the first named always referring to the lead and the second to the discard. In America it is taken for granted that every one who knows anything of the game will lead a heart, so that the ope word "weak" or "strong" was sufficient.

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portance that crept into bridge was that of leading trumps through the dummy's spade makes when the third hand doubled. but this was never settled by any partheir own bent in the matter. Taken altogether straight bridge was remarkably free from conventions of any kind. but its offspring, auction, seems likely to drift back into the signal game, as the

declares it. He might have eight solid spectators at the time: spade tricks, for instance, but he dare not bid a little slam in spades just to get a spade led up to a declared no trumper. Ten to one the declarer of the no trumps would let him play it. Even three in clubs is a risky call against a CAJ 10 7 5 2 Y no trumper.

The theory underlying this conventional lead of a black suit to the playe who has doubled a no trumper without showing any suit of his own is that the no trumper may be weak in that very suit and the bid has been made in order

suit and the bid has been made in order to shut out the informatory call. Examples of this are to be found in all the text hooks.

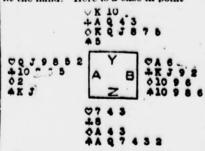
Another lead which is almost a convention as far as interpreting its meaning is concerned is the original lead of a trump. As the opening lead is always up to and never through the declarer, or maker of the trump, this may seem to place the declarer at an advantage; but those who use the lead insist that it is less likely to do harm than any other lead when all the plain suits in their hand are either tenace or single honors guarded.

From such a hand as four to the ace queen in one suit, three to the queen in the third another, three to the queen in the third since the content of the text is a not trumper. B redoubled and all passed up to Y.

Y, still confident that Z had clubs and defining the text in the plain suits in the plain suits in the plain suits, three to the queen in the third another, three to the queen in the third another, three to the queen in the third another. It is a possible to obtain a regeneration of the insist days. Cellules of spleen or six or eight days. Cellules of spleen or eight days. Cellules of spleen or six or eight days. Cellules of spleen or eight days. Cellules of spleen or eight days. Cellules of spleen or eight days. Cellul

CONVENTIONS IN AUCTION a solid suit and a sure reentry most players TWO CIVIL LIST will go no trumps at once.

Many persons bid two clubs on the same plan, allowing the reentry to make up for the break in the club suit. This habit of making the same bid on two entirely different classes of hands is some What Is Meant by the Opening Bid a Ser- times confusing to the partner, as he may ous Question Many Times-The Call not know which declaration would better of No Trumps May Mean Rither fit the hand. Here is a case in point



passed, as he belonged to the school that ality, undertook to pay.

schemes that had crept into whist, and eight sure tricks in sight. Supposing had to deal with it. A few allied depart- the Court of Cassation decided that his

schemes that had crept into whist, and practically the only thing to ask about among American players was the discard, which is not settled yet. In England and in some parts of America it was also necessary to inquire about the lead in case the third hand doubled a no-trumper. Those who preferred to have a heart led when they doubled no trumpers usually combined it with the strength discard and when asked the usual question they replied, "Heart and strong." Those who led the top of a weak suit in a doubled no trumper and discarded from weakness always answered with. "Weak and weak."

One would occessively for ments have yet to be notified, after which the memorandum dealing with the excess that the memorandum dealing with the excess which would allow it to set aside the confession was the necessary new fact when they ments have yet to be notified, after which the memorandum dealing with the excess confession was the necessary new fact which would allow it to set aside the confession was the necessary new fact which the memorandum dealing with the excess confession was the necessary new fact which would allow it to set aside the confession was the necessary new fact which the memorandum dealing with the excess charge will begin its return journey to the additional confersion was the necessary new fact which would allow it to set aside the confession was the necessary new fact which the memorandum dealing with the excess charge will begin its return journey to the additional confersion was the necessary new fact which would allow it to set aside the confession was the necessary new fact which would allow it to set aside the confession was the necessary new fact which would allow it to set aside the confession was the necessary new fact which would allow it to set aside the confession was the necessary new fact which would allow it to set aside the confession was the necessary new fact which would allow it to set aside the confession was the necessary new fact which would allow it to set aside the confession was t

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In auction this question of the discard is still but little understood and has not establish it and it will never come into play again.

play again.

This shows the danger of going no trumps on the invitation of a hand which trumps on the invitation of a hand which has practically only two tricks in it, which is all Z can boast of. Had the declaration been a diamond Y and Z would have made five by cards and game on the cross ruff no matter what B led. The spade ace would go up on the first trick if B led a spade and Y would trump a small spade, returning ace and another club for Z to ruff. When the spade queen was led Y would discard a heart if A did not trump in. The fourth round of clubs being trumped with the ace the only tricks Y would less would be his two hearts.

whist players call it.

In auction as in all games in which a perfect understanding between the partners is important there is a constant tendency to introduce conventions to distinguish a solid black in the bidding more than in the play and the question has naturally arrisen as to how far these conventions are legitimate. In the lead of the best heart to a doubled not trumper, is never used in auction to distinguish a solid black suit and two spades on the solid suit which it is, as he may far these conventions are legitimate. In the lead of the best heart to a doubled not rumper, is never used in auction because the player on the right of the declarer has usually named a suit before the doubles and his partner knows what to the doubles and the rule at bridge.

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so it must be black and he cannot risk the danger of being left to play it if he declares it. He might have eight could be which caused much amusement to the

another, three to the queen in the third and three little trumps, the best opening is the trump. There are four tricks in the other suits if they are not led.

The conventions which are at present recognized by those who bid on their in the neck.

Y, still confident that Z had clubs and diamonds enough to justify his original call, thought his two spade tricks on the top of the two stoppers in hearts justified him in pulling out of the redoubled heart with two no trumps. B passed because that is just what he was fishing for. If A had the hearts B could stop any no trumper in the neck.

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entirely justifies. In the upper portion of the face and head the resemblance to Augustus is already strong, but when viewed from the point of view suggested the likeness of this new portrait to other official presentations of the Emperor becomes convincing."

The following true tale of Prussian red tape is going round the press in Ger-

Z bid two in spades, having a six card has been paid in excess," which the and Michaud, a neighbor, was convicted, suit and a sure reentry in diamonds. A Treasury, in a moment of unusual liber-chiefly on the evidence of a necktie which in the third, fourth and fifth games of the

solid spade suit he should go game at no large part of the army machine had to be out and declared he knew nothing about trumps no matter what was led, so he destrip that been found that seventeen persons by cider. He was convicted and sent to all passed.

In a declared the should go game at no large part of the army machine had to be out and declared he knew nothing about agreed to draw. The notes on the fourth the tile and that the stains were caused and fifth games are taken from the Berliner publication. Der Tag, which were presumably written by Tarrasch. The scores: B did not like to lead away from his have contributed more or less strenuously French Guiana for life. minor tenace in clubs with only four in to the work. For example, at the audit suit, so he started with the spade ten. As office the matter passed through the fessed or rather boasted that he had common as dummy's hand went down r saw hands of five clerks before, it reached mitted the murder. This man later sucthat he must make a successful finesse in the regiment concerned. When it got one of the black suits in order to get nine to the regiment twelve persons, from the ment, but newspapers having taken up the tricks and go game, as there were only Colonel down to the Adjutant's orderly,

to survive in these days they must be fit.

The army authorities take a census with 96,698 in 1901. This means that France to prove the presence of blood, in ten years, the number of horses has somewhat perturbed over this fact. It is true that for transport of war material then red. and provisions automobile traction saves the use of many horses, but there remain the needs of the cavalry and artillery. The old standby for trained horses, the omnibus companies, will soon be of no assistance, as autobuses are rapidly supplanting horse drawn stages.

Dr. Alexis Carrel of the Rockefeller and has delivered a lecture before an audience of scientists on the life of tissues as it exists outside the organism of which they are a part. His account of NOT REALLY A CAMEL FISH, his work was deeply interesting, although

been detached from the body. My assistant, Dr. Burrows, has applied the the head of the filefish slopes down method to the cellular development of a chicken's tissue. With some change in the method I have succeeded in culti-

"Tissues placed on a glass plate and covered with a natural plasm or liquid serum develop admirably. After some hours the cellules radiate and a bluish halo is seen which proves that the cellules continue to develop apart from the body. The life of these cellules varies greatly. Cancerous cellules die in six

Many stories of tragedy and sorrow are centred in the mont de piété, or French state pawnshop. An official report just issued tells of a child's small silver goblet, probably a christening present, which was pawned in Paris in 1857 for \$2. For fifty-

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ROMANCES worn out clothes in order to be able to buy an automobile.

'An American who has not his auto would consider himself as dishonored as a Spaniard without a mantilla, a German without a pipe, an Englishwoman without her overcoat or a Parisienne without a

"In Paris I never automobile without a feeling of fear: in America I never felt anxious. American chauffeurs, who are generally under 20, drive so cleverly that they do not seem to be following a trade but obeying an instinct. They are drivers just as the English are sailors or the Dutch

The sum of \$6,000 has just been awarded A year ago the paymaster of a regiment by the Cher assize court in Franceas comdisbursed a sum of 40 cents for a piece of pensation for seventeen years' penal military cloth. In May the military servitude undergone by a peasant named audit authorities pointed out that the Charles Michaud, who received a life senpiece of cloth should have cost only tence for a murder he did not commit.

A rich old peasant farmer was murdered had belonged to the dead man and of some never pulls an adversary out of a spade In order that this fact might be brought stains on his clothes supposed to be blood. call. Y figured that if his partner had a to the knowledge of all concerned a Michaud protested his innocence through-

While he was there a fellow convict conceeded in escaping from the penal settlecase and found confirmation of his story

read a paper before the Academy of of the number of horses, and the figures among the expert chemists attached to for 1911 show 72,488 in Paris, compared the courts. The chief test employed in decreased 24,210, or almost exactly a murder, has been what is known as the quarter. The military authorities are Meyer reagent, which turns anything containing blood to rose color, then rose red

Experiments have shown that the Mever Guignard succeeded in obtaining the same reactions as for blood with bicarbonate of soda, potassium, vichy water and other mineral waters, and even with ordinary seltzer water. Pieces of cloth soaked in ordinary seltzer water, then dried in the sun and afterward wetted with distilled Institute of New York is visiting Paris water have yielded a sufficient quantity of salt to produce the very same reaction as blood does under the Meyer reagent.

The reason for this convention is that if the third hand has a big suit and can defeat a no trumper, but cannot afford to call two tricks in a suit to show it, his suit cannot be either hearts or diamonds, so it must be black and he cannot risk to danger of being left to play it if he danger of being left to play it if he second to the convention which is probably more of last year I undertook some new researches, and with my collaborators I have searches, and with my collaborators I have succeeded in cultivating adult sissues of many the comes from the fact that it has rising the other school from nothing. If the system one follows is not understood by his partner they are likely to get into serious trouble. Here is an example could be developed as if the other played Kt—QR4 and P—Q4.

(a) In the second game of the series black here searches, and with my collaborators I have searches, and with my collaborators I h

From the top of its high back in front sharply to its snout; from the top of its back at the other end there is a sharp slope down to its tail. This gives the vating fragments of tissue taken from a cat, a dog, a guinea pig and a man.

Tissues placed on a glass plate and filefish came to be camel backed was as

follows:

Some much bigger fish that once encountered it in the sea made a drive for it and got it squarely midway of the length of its back and simply bit a piece out of it there, as a human being might bite a piece out of a slice of bread, leaving in the filefish's back an incurving line of about the same sweep and dimensions. Such a wound would have killed most fish of ordinary build, but it did not prove mortal to this deep bodied filefish. The marks of the teeth that bit that piece out of it are still visible on the filefish's side.

Coming just where the bite did, square n the middle of the length of the back, which slopes down sharply at either end, the scooped out place at the centre gives this filefish the appearance of having two

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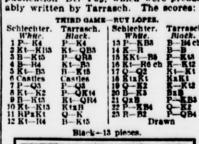
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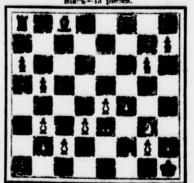
SCHLECHTER AND TARRASCH ARE STILL TIED.

Three Additional Scores From This Match Show Some Lively and Spirited Play
-Jaffe Off for Carlebad-The N. Y. State Association's Summer Meeting.

According to latest despatches to hand Carl Schlechter of Vienna and Dr. S. Tar-rasch of Nuremberg are still tied in their match of seven games up now in progress at the Cologne Chess Club. Owing to some reason or another the players took about five days rest after the conclusion of the On Friday news came that Schle on the ninth game, which made the ecor even, each man having won two games to date, while the other five were drawn.

From the three additional games to han match. The score of the third game, how ever, will require some close analysis, espe cially so at the final stage, when the players ably written by Tarrasch. The scores:





Sehisechies

Black.

P-K4

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B 15 P-K8

16 QBB

P-QR1

17 K1-Q5

19 R-R7

21 RaKih

R-K1

B-R1

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22 P-K1

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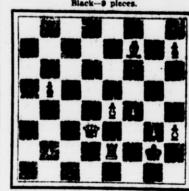
PAP

Casiles

B-K5

K1-Q2

13 Q-Q3



inreatening.

(f) A well calculated pawn sacrifice.

(g) Q—Q3 would have been bad on account of the rejoinder 19. Q—Kts.

(h) There is scarcely anything bester. If for instance 21. R—QB. Kt-Bs. &c.

(f) He ought to have captured the instance 21. R—QB, Kt—Bs, &c.

(9 He ought to have captured the piece with
the pawn instead.

(f) He could afford not taking the KBP. There
is no hurry needed at all.

(a) White's king position is now somewhat

exposed.

(i) Threatening P-K5, which would win the RP,

(iii) R-R came also into consideration here.

White would then have the strong rejoinder

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(n) In order to follow up with B—B2 and P.—K5.

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(n) To preven PQ—H8.

(r) A try for safety with a negative result.

White seems to have a winning position anyhow.

(s) A big threat, but——

(h) I 33. R—K6 ch; 39 QxR, PxQ; 40 R—B8 ch.

B—B; 41.RxB ch, K—R2; 42 R—B2 mate.

If 35. B—H; 39.Q—K45, R—K6 ch; 40 R—B4, RxB;

41 R—D5, &c.

(a) Now 39. R—K5 ch; 40 QxR, PxQ; 41 R—B6

ch, K—H2; 42 R—B2 ch, K—R3; 43 R—R8 mate.

(b) I 40. R—K6 ch; 41 K—B4, RxB; 42 R—B4

ch and mate follows. A fine conclusion to an interesting game.



Ointment, Blotches Disappeared.

(a) Here Kt-Kt3 ought to have been played.

The intention of following up with P-RKt4 is too risky.

(b) The Rought to have gone to Q at once.

(c) Now white begins a telling attack on the exposed king.

(d) Loss of material cannot be avoided any longer. Here white could have finished the same in int fashion by force. R-Q8, QxKRP ch and elegant fashion by force. R-Q8, QXKRP on and R-R8, mate.

played at once.

(h) An elegant finish. Philip B. Driver, Ridley Park, Pa., announces that there are several vacancies in the correspondence tournament of the Pennsylvania State Chess Association and that entries are not limited to Pennsylvania.

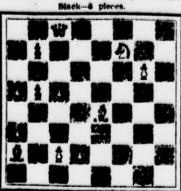
Pennsylvania State Chess Association and that entries are not limited to Pennsylvanians.

H. Fahrni recently established a new record for simultaneous chess by playing against 100 opponets at Munich. He won 55, drew 39 and lost 6 in 7½ hours.

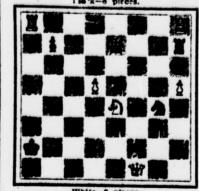
Charles Jaffe, as duly announced last week, made his departure for Europe last Thursday on board a Rotterdam steamer. After touring for a short time in Europe he will present himself as a competitor in the forthcoming Carlsbad international tournament While L. Hoffer has kindly consented to cover the great event by cable for The Sun, Jaffe will undertake to daily forward reports, including scores of games played by the American competitors, and the chances of getting interesting reports on the tournament, which is to begin on August 20, are bright.

To several inquirers respecting the New York State Chess Association's midsummer tourney at the Hotel Trenton, Trenton Falls, N. Y., it may be stated that the place is eighteen miles north of Utica. It can therefore be reached by all routes to the Adirondacks, and to those preferring trolley riding ample opportunities are afforded to use the lines west of Albany up to Utica. Officers D. F. Searle of Rome and A. McMartin, Johnstown, N. Y., report that they have received great numbers of entries for the various events and all those desiring additional informations will do wise

to communicate with either of these officers of the association. Mr. McMartin wishes TRE Sus to state that all the tourneys will begin as the latest on August 1 at noon and that they hope to get through on Friday evening or Saturday noon.



White to play and mate in three move PROBLEM NO. 176. BY T. MARIN



White to play and mate in two move SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. 173 1. Q-Kt3, KaR; 2. B-B7, &c.

Perry, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Several Correspondents—Please to forward
your subscriptions to Treasurer Victor F. Ridder,
P. O. B. 1207, and your other communications regarding the proposed New York International
Congress to the American Chess Bulletin, 150
Nassau street, New York Cray.

Miner Trowbridge, Digby, N. S.—The pawn
cannot take en passant because the B checks
the K. the R. M. S., Brooklyn-1, R-R4, P-B7; 2, P-K6
ch, KzP; 3, Kt-Q6 mate
Dr. W. H. Rider claims cooks in both iss
and 171. The latter he solves by 1, Kt-Kt, which
he considers a much neater solution than the
one intended by the author.

Honeymoon in a Caravan

From the London Daily Mail.
Married at the pretty church of Umberslade in Warwickshire, Leonard B. Rich-mond and his bride, members of the mond and his bride, members of the Amateur Camping Club, are now spending their honeymoon in their caravan, which they have called Kerri (Romany for home). The couple arrived at the church in their caravan. Kerri was closely evanuated by an interested country crowd as it stood outside the church in which the proprietors were being made man and wife. The service over, the couple entered their home on wheels and drove away. They will travel through Herefordshire and Somersetshire. Mr. and Mrs. Richmond state that Kerri is not to be merely their summer residence; it is to be their home all the year round.

Road Building in Kansas.

Ottawa correspondence Topeka Capital. Forty miles of good roads in one day This was "good roads" day in Franklin and Osage counties. A hundred men and teams worked the whole day on the stretch teams worked the whole day on the stretch of road from Ottawa to Lebo, now officially known as the Santa Fé trail cutoff. At nightfall the work was completed. Time was taken out for dinner only. A similar movement is on foot along the main Santa Fé trail road running through Waverly.

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